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1. Since the ratification of the Peace Treaty, Russian occupation troops in Bulgaria are estimated to have been cut to approximately 50 to 60 thousand which are mostly motorized or armored units. All units now under the command of the Ninth Army in Rumania are commanded by Col-General I.A. Pliev.
2. In general, the recent movement of forces is toward the Turkish frontier, with the bulk of the troops in the Stara Zagora-Sliven and Yambol areas. Stara Gora is garrisoned by air force and motorized units. Troops appear to have been evacuated from the Kazanlik and Chirpan areas. Only air corps units remain in Plovdiv while small army units have been evacuated. Artillery units have moved from Nova Zagora to Gradetz (35 km. SSE). Malko Trnovo, Haskovo, Harmanli, Silistra, Dobric, Balcik, Kavarna, Varna, Provadia, Shumen and Aytes have been cleared of troops. Units from Balcik are reported to be passing through Constantza-Kavarna moving southwest. Troops previously located between Dobric and Shuman have moved to Sliven. Maneuvers or field problems are reported to have taken place in the areas between Sliven and Yambol.

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